

Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science

(Autonomous)

(Formerly S.N.R. Sons College)

(Affiliated to Bharathiar University)

(Re-Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)

(Internationally Accredited with Full Accreditation)

(An ISO 9001:2008 Certified Institution)

Nava India, Coimbatore-641 006, Tamil Nadu

REGULATIONS – 2016

(After 2018 Academic Council Rectifications)

REGULATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREE COURSES

In OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION and CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM Pattern with effect from 2016-2017

The following Regulations shall be applicable for all the P.G. Degree Programmes offered by Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore from the academic year **2016 – 2017** onwards.

Note:

The regulations hereunder are subject to amendments as may be made by the Academic Council of the Institution from time to time. Any or all such amendments will be effective from such date and to such batches of the students (Including those already in the middle of the course) as may be decided by the Academic Council.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME:

Outcome Based Education: The Curriculum and Syllabi under Regulations 2016 is designed keeping in mind the Outcome Based Education (OBE) and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The course content of each course shall be fixed in accordance with the Program Educational Objectives (PEOs), Program Outcomes (POs) and Course Outcomes (COs). The CBCS enables the students to earn credits across programmes and provides flexibility for slow and fast learners in registering the required number of credits in a semester

Preliminary Definitions and Nomenclature

Degree / Programme : A course of study leading to the award of a degree in a discipline. (Eg. MSc/MCom)

Branch : The Discipline / Course of Study (Eg. Computer Science, Commerce with Computer Applications, Information Technology)

Curriculum: - The various subjects that a student should study in a particular Branch

Course: A subject offered under the degree programme. It means a theory or practical subject that is normally studied in a Semester.

Credits: A unit of measurement based on the contact hours, quantum of the subject matter and complexity of the content. The weightage given to each course of study (subject) by the experts of the Board of Studies concerned.

Outcome Based Education: “Outcome Based Education (OBE) Process” to ensure that the required outcomes (knowledge, skills and attitude / behavior) are acquired by the learners of a programme. With the OBE process in mind, our educational system has been framed to provide the needful scope for the learners through the CBS that will pave the path to strengthen their knowledge, skills and attitude / behavior.

Credit System: The course of study under this regulation, where weightage of credits are spread over to different semesters during the period of study and the **Cumulative Grade Point Average** shall be awarded based on the credits earned by the students. A minimum of **90 credits** are prescribed for the Postgraduate Programme (Two years). **The curriculum of every programme is designed with total number of credits ranging from 90-100.**

Choice Based Credit System: All Undergraduate Programmes offered by the College shall be under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). This is to enhance the quality and mobility of the students within and between the colleges affiliated by recognized university in the country and abroad.

Head of the Institution: Principal of the Institution.

Head of the Department: Head of the Department concerned.

Controller of Examinations: The authority of the Institution who is responsible for all activities of the Examinations.

University: Affiliating University.

1. Eligibility for Admission to the Course

A candidate who has passed the Degree Examination as main subject of study of this University or an examination of some other University accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto shall be eligible for admission to the Master Degree of this University.

2. Duration of the Programme

This Course of Study shall be based on Semester System. This Course shall consist of four Semesters covering a total of two Academic Years. For this purpose, each academic year shall be divided into two Semesters; the first and third Semesters; July to November and the second and the fourth Semesters; December to April. The Practical Examinations shall be conducted at the end of Semester.

The semester have 90 working days consists of 5 teaching hours per working days or, each semester has 450 Periods and the whole programme has 1800 Periods.

3. **Course of Study**

The Course of the Degree of Master of Science/Arts/Commerce shall be under the Semester System according to the Syllabus to be prescribed from time to time. This Course consists of Core Subjects and Elective Subjects.

Core subject

As prescribed in the scheme of examination. Examination shall be conducted in the core subjects at the end of every semester.

As prescribed in the scheme of Examination **16-19 core courses – 59-74 credits** are to be offered.

Electives courses

Two elective courses with 8 credits are to be offered. Elective subjects are to be selected from the list of electives prescribed by the Board of Studies concerned

Open Elective Courses (OEC): include Inter-disciplinary courses. **It is offered as extra credit course.**

4. **Scheme of Examinations**

As given in the respective Board.

5. **Requirement to appear for the Examinations**

- a) A candidate shall be permitted to appear for the Comprehensive examinations for any semester (practical/theory) if he/she should secure **not less than 75%** of attendance in the number of working days during the semester.
- b) A candidate who has secured attendance **less than 75% but 65% and above** shall be permitted to take the Examination if the shortage of attendance is due to medical reasons / accident / participation in sports and events, deputed by the College / University. These candidates are condones with valid medical certificate / participation certificate by the Principal after the paying the condonation fee prescribed by the College in current semester subjects. The maximum number of condonations is three in entire programme period.
- c) A candidate who has secured **less than 65%** of attendance are not eligible to write examination in current semester subjects and also to re-join in the same semester in the next year with proper approval of the University. These candidates are eligible to write arrear subjects if any.

6. **Restriction to take the Examinations**

- a) Any candidate having arrear paper(s) shall have the option to take the Examinations in any arrear paper(s) along with the subsequent regular Semester papers.
- b) Candidates who fail in any of the papers shall pass the paper(s) concerned within 5

years from the date of admission to the said programme. If they fail to do so, they shall take the Examination in the revised Text / Syllabus, if any, prescribed for the immediate next batch of candidates. If there is no change in the Text / Syllabus they shall take the Examination in that paper with the Syllabus in vogue, until there is a change in the Text or Syllabus.

In the event of removal of that paper consequent to the change of Regulations and / or Curriculum after a 5 year period, the candidates shall have to take up on equivalent paper in the revised syllabus as suggested by the Chairman and fulfill the requirements as per Regulations/Curriculum for the award of the Degree.

7. Provision for Re-totalling, Re-valuation and obtaining photocopy of valued Answer Scripts.

The candidates of all programmes are eligible and may apply for re-totalling/re-valuation/photocopy of valued answer scripts, to the Controller of Examinations through the Heads of the Departments and Principal, in the prescribed forms, remitting the prescribed fee within 10 days from the date of publication of results.

Re-valuation/re-totalling/obtaining photocopy of answer scripts is permissible to any student who appeared for any paper in the Comprehensive semester examinations of current semester.

Those wish to apply for re-valuation of final semester papers can do so within five days from the date of publication of results. Revised Mark Statement will be issued after withdrawing the previous one, if the marks obtained in re-valuation/re-totalling are higher than the marks obtained earlier. In other cases, the original marks obtained earlier will be retained and the matter will be intimated to the student concerned as 'No change'.

A candidate who applies for re-valuation need not apply for re-totalling. Candidates who desire to apply for re-valuation after obtaining photocopy of valued answer scripts can do so within 5 days from the date of receipt of the photocopy, remitting the prescribed fee for re-valuation. The option for photocopies & revaluation is not applicable for the answer scripts subjected to revaluation and special supplementary examinations.

There is no provision for revaluation or retotaling of practical examination papers.

A candidate can apply for Xerox copies of any number of his/her answer scripts within five days.

8. Supplementary Examinations

Supplementary Examinations will be conducted for the **two courses (either theory or practical) arrear papers** in about 20 days from the date of publication of results every year. This is to help the final year students to

complete their programme in the same year itself and help them for vertical mobility. The final year UG Students who have got through all the papers upto the previous semester alone are eligible to write the examinations. The students who committed malpractice in the final semester are not allowed to appear in the above said examinations. Students, who wish to apply for special supplementary Comprehensive Examinations, can do so within 7 days from the date of publication of results.

9. The Medium of Instruction and Examinations

The medium of instruction and Examinations shall be in English. However, as per directives of the government, if the candidates answer in Tamil, their answer scripts will also be evaluated.

10. Submission of Record Notebooks for Practical Examinations

Candidates taking the Practical Examinations should submit bonafide Record Note Books prescribed for the Practical Examinations. Otherwise the candidates will not be permitted to take the Practical Examinations.

However, in genuine cases where the students who could not submit the Record Note Books, they may be permitted to appear for the practical examinations, provided the concerned Staff in-charge / Head of the Department has certified that candidates have performed the experiments prescribed for the course. For such candidates, zero (0) marks will be awarded for Record Note Books.

(i) Candidates who attempt any Comprehensive practical examination to clear the arrear arising due to fail or for improvement need not submit the original bonafide Practical Record notebook as it was already valued in the previous regular practical examination. For such candidates, in the column of the record mark in the mark sheet, dash(-)mark will be put and the previous marks awarded to the Record in the regular practical examination will be taken into account.

(ii) Candidates who attempt any Comprehensive Practical Examination to clear the arrear arising due to absent must submit the original bonafide Practical Record notebook duly signed by Staff in charge and the Head of the Department.

11. Examinations Fees

Students must pay the examination fee every semester for all the subjects (theory and practical) enlisted in the application form within the stipulated time.

12. Re-Admission of Candidates

Candidates of this college who discontinued the course due to lack of attendance / any other reasons will be readmitted in the same course, subject to the conditions of vacancy, after obtaining permission from the Bharathiar University.

13. **Transfer of Candidates**

Candidates who want to join this College by transfer from other regular colleges recognized by Bharathiar University/ other Universities will be admitted in the same course, subject to the conditions of vacancy, after obtaining permission from Bharathiar University. Migration and Eligibility certificates are required for the students who belong to other Universities/other States.

14. **Attendance and Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) for Redo and Transfer candidates**

The Principal is empowered to grant attendance for the exempted subjects to the students admitted under Redo and Transfer Category. The regular attendance mark will be awarded for the exempted subjects. The CIA for the additional subjects to be written shall be completed by the candidate with the consultation by the course teacher concerned / the Head of the respective Department and marks of the same will be submitted to the Examination cell before the commencement of the Comprehensive Examinations.

15. **MALPRACTICE AND PUNISHMENT**

Punishment for malpractice committed during Continuous Internal Assessment Examinations

Students who are found guilty of indulging in any kind of malpractice during CIA exams, will not be awarded marks for CIA of the particular paper and it will be indicated as zero (0) in the Statement of Marks. In such cases, the marks obtained in Assignment / Seminar will also be considered as zero (0).

Punishment for malpractice committed during End-of-Semester Examinations

The students, who indulge in any malpractice, while writing examination, will be immediately referred to the Chief Superintendent for the initiation of appropriate disciplinary proceedings. If they proved as guilty of malpractice, the Examination Disciplinary Action Committee has been empowered to impose punishment including fine, cancellation of paper(s) and debarring from writing examinations for the next 2–5 years, according to the cognizance (seriousness) of the malpractice.

Punishment For Malpractice Committed During End Semester Examinations

S. No.	NATURE OF MALPRACTICE	PUNISHMENT
1.a	Writing one's internal marks and request for a pass	Warning may be given for the first time. If repeated, the examination taken by the candidate will be cancelled
1.b	Writing one's Register Number in a page other than the title page in the main answer book	Fine of Rs. 200/- per paper for maximum of 2 papers (Rs.400/-). More than 2 papers Rs.500/= to be imposed

1.c	Letter of appeal coupled with promise of any form of consideration.	The particular examination / examinations, depending upon the seriousness of appeal, taken by the candidate will be cancelled
2	Possession of incriminating material for copying.	The particular examination / examinations taken by the candidate will be cancelled
3	Copying from notes, books or any written / printed material related to the subject of the examination Borrowing the answer book of another candidate to copy	Current semester examinations will be cancelled. If repeated, the candidate will be debarred from appearing for ensuing 2 semester examinations
4.a	Inserting Previously written answer sheets brought from outside.	Current semester examinations will be cancelled and the candidate will be debarred from appearing for the ensuing 4 semester examinations
4.b	Aiding, passing and assisting for copying from main / additional book / any written or printed material (bits) prepared already.	Current semester examinations will be cancelled and the candidate will be debarred from appearing for the ensuing 6 semester examinations
5.a	Threatening the invigilator / any such insubordinate behaviour	Current semester examinations will be cancelled and the candidate will be debarred from appearing for the ensuing 4 semester examinations
5.b	For manhandling / injuring the Superintendent, Hall Superintendent and other examination officials / personnel (College and other Institutions)	Current semester examinations will be cancelled and the candidate will be debarred from appearing for the ensuing 6 semester examinations. The matter will be referred to the police, if necessary, for further action
6	Case of impersonation (Current students and past students who are now appearing as private candidates)	Current semester examinations will be cancelled and the candidate will be debarred from appearing for the ensuing 6 semester examinations. The matter will be referred to the police, if necessary, for further action
7	Tampering in the statement of marks / provisional certificates / degrecertificates issued by the	The tampered certificates be retained by the College and no duplicate will be provided. Current semester examinations

	College / University	taken by the candidate will be cancelled. The candidate will be debarred from appearing for any examinations of this college for 5 years. The matter will be referred to police for further action, if warranted
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NOTE:

1. The matter regarding the malpractice will be placed before the Disciplinary Action Committee for enquiry and the decision of the Committee shall be the final.
2. Irrelevant writing and appeal by the candidate in the answer script will also be deemed as malpractice.
3. Cancellation of one or more papers written by the candidate who was found guilty of committing malpractice, will be indicated as zero (0) against the title of the respective paper in the Statement of Marks.
4. If a candidate is reported to have committed any malpractice for a second time, the Disciplinary Action Committee will enhance the punishment suitably.
5. Penalty will be levied from each candidate who was found guilty of committing malpractice, and given severe punishment as per the autonomous norms.
6. The particulars of candidates awarded punishment for malpractice will be displayed in the Notice Board.

16. The Minimum (Pass) Marks

A candidate shall be declared to have passed in a paper if a student obtains not less than 50% of marks in that paper both Internal and External. A candidate shall be declared to have passed the whole Examination if the student passes in all the papers.

17. Distribution of marks

Table – 1(A): The following are the distribution of marks for external and internal for **theory papers** of PG courses.

Total Marks	External Max. marks	External Passing Minimum	Internal Max. marks	Internal Passing Minimum	Overall Passing Minimum for total marks (Internal + External)
100	70	35	30	15	50
50	35	18	15	7	25

Table – 1(B): The following are the Distribution of Internal **marks** for theory papers of PG courses.

Sl.No	For Theory - UG / PG courses	Marks (30)	Marks (15)
1.	Internal Test -1 (Online Examination) (45 Minutes /50 Questions) – 2 ½ units	5	3
2.	Model Examination (3 hours)	10	5
3.	Assignment	5	2.5
4.	Seminar	5	2.5
5.	Activity (Paper presentation/Quiz/Panel Discussion / Participation in seminar/workshop)	5	2
	Total Marks	30	15

Table 2(c). The following are the Distribution of marks for the Continuous Internal Assessment in the theory papers

Sl.No	For Theory - UG & PG courses	Marks
1.	Online Examination 50 questions – 60 minutes	20
2.	Descriptive type assessment	50
	Total Marks	70

Table – 2(A): The following are the distribution of marks for external and internal for **practical papers** of PG courses.

Total Marks	External Max. marks	External Passing Minimum	Internal Max. marks	Internal Passing Minimum	Overall Passing Minimum For Total Marks (Internal + External)
100	70	28	30	12	40
50	35	14	15	6	20

Table – 3: The following are the distribution of marks for the Continuous Internal Assessment in PG practical courses.

Sl.No	For Practicals - UG and PG courses	Marks
1.	Internal Test	10
2.	Model practical examination	10
3.	Evaluation of Observation note	10
	Total Marks	30

Table – 3(c): The following are the distribution of marks for the Comprehensive Examinations in PG practical courses.

Sl.No	For Practicals - UG & PG courses	Marks
1.	Evaluation of Record Note	10
2.	Viva / Objective type questions	10
3.	Experiment	50
	Total Marks	70

The following are the distribution of marks for external and internal for Projects of PG courses.

TOTAL MARKS	External Max. marks	EXTERNAL Passing Minimum for external alone	INTERNAL Max. marks	Internal Passing Minimum for Internal alone	Overall Passing Minimum for total marks (Internal + External)
200	40	20	160	80	100
100	20	10	80	10	50

The following are the **Distribution of Internal marks** for the Projects PG courses.

Sl.No	Particulars	Marks	Particulars	Marks
1	Review – I	30	Review Meeting	15
2	Review – II	30	Objective, Methodology, Review Literature	25
3	Review – III	30	Data Collection and Statistical Tools used	20
4	Documentation	60	Execution of the project	20
5	Implementation	10		
	Total	160	Total	80

The following are the **Distribution of External marks** for the Projects PG courses.

Sl.No	Particulars	Marks	Particulars	Marks
1	Presentation	10	viva	20
2	Viva	30		
	Total	40	Total	20

18. Grading:

Once the marks of the CIA and Comprehensive-semester examinations for each of the course are available, they will be added. The mark thus obtained will then be graded as per details given below:

Marks and Grades:

The following table gives the marks grade points, letter grades and classification to indicate the performance of the candidate.

Conversion of Marks to Grade Points and Letter Grade (Performance in a Course/Paper)

RANGE OF MARKS	GRADE POINTS	LETTER GRADE	DESCRIPTION
90-100	9.0-10.0	O	Outstanding
80-89	8.0-8.9	D+	Excellent
75-79	7.5-7.9	D	Distinction
70-74	7.0-7.4	A+	Very Good
60-69	6.0-6.9	A	Good
50-59	5.0-5.9	B	Average
00-49	0.0	U	Re-appear
ABSENT	0.0	AAA	ABSENT

C_i = Credits earned for course i in any semester

G_i = Grade Point obtained for course i in any semester

n = refers to the semester in which such course were credited

For a Semester:

$$\text{GRADE POINT AVERAGE [GPA]} = \frac{\sum_i C_i G_i}{\sum_i C_i}$$

Sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the courses
GPA = $\frac{\text{-----}}{\text{-----}}$
Sum of the credits of the courses in a semester

For the entire programme:

$$\text{CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE [CGPA]} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni} G_{ni}}{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni}}$$

Sum of the multiplication of grade points by the credits of the entire programme
CGPA = $\frac{\text{-----}}{\text{-----}}$
Sum of the credits of the courses of the entire programme

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary *
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	First Class
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	Second Class
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	
0.0 and above but below 5.0	U	Re-appear

19. Improvement of Marks in the subjects already passed

Candidates desirous of improving the marks awarded in a passed subject in their first attempt shall reappear once within a period of subsequent two semesters. The improved marks shall be considered for classification but not for ranking. When there is no improvement, there shall not be any change in the original marks already awarded.

20. Classification of Successful candidates

A candidate who passes all the examinations and securing following CGPA and Grades shall be declared as follows for each part:

CGPA	GRADE	CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT
9.5 – 10.0	O+	First Class – Exemplary *
9.0 and above but below 9.5	O	
8.5 and above but below 9.0	D++	First Class with Distinction*
8.0 and above but below 8.5	D+	
7.5 and above but below 8.0	D	
7.0 and above but below 7.5	A++	First Class
6.5 and above but below 7.0	A+	
6.0 and above but below 6.5	A	
5.5 and above but below 6.0	B+	Second Class
5.0 and above but below 5.5	B	

- a. A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 9 to 10 and equivalent grades “O” or “O+” in Core and Electives subjects shall be placed in the category of “ **First Class – Exemplary**”.
- b. A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations in the first appearance within the prescribed duration of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 7.5 to 9 and equivalent grades “D” or “D+” or “D++” in Core and Electives subjects shall be placed in the category of “ **First Class with Distinction**”.
- c. A candidate who has passed all the subjects examinations of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 6 to 7.5 and equivalent grades “A” or “A+” or “A++” shall be declared to have passed in “ **First Class**”.
- d. A candidate who has passed all the subjects examination of the PG programmes and secured a CGPA of 5.5 to 6 and equivalent grades “B” or “B+” shall be declared to have passed in “ **Second Class**”.

21. Award of Medal/Ranking

A candidate who qualifies for the PG Degree programme passing all the Examinations in the first attempt, within the minimum period prescribed for the programme from the date of admission to the programme and secures 1st or 2nd Class shall be eligible for ranking and award.

The improved marks will not be taken into consideration for ranking.

22. Issue of Certificates and Mark Sheets

The Certificates and Mark Sheets will be issued after the publication of the results with a note of the due date to receive the same.

The students on receiving Certificates and Mark Sheets must verify them for correctness of Name, Reg. No., Course, etc. and must contact the Controller of Examinations immediately, if any discrepancy is found.

For getting Duplicate Mark Sheets an affidavit through a Notary Public and acknowledged by Principal must be submitted along with the fee prescribed.

23. Conferment of the Degree

No candidate shall be eligible for conferment of the Degree unless he / she has undergone the prescribed programme of Study for a period of not less than four Semesters in an Institution approved by and affiliated to the University or has been exempted if failed to perform there from in the manner prescribed and will be passed the Examinations is followed as prescribed.

24. Electives

Elective courses will be chosen by the respective Department from the group of Elective Papers (A or B or C).

25. Question Paper Model

The following question paper patterns shall be followed for CBCS pattern syllabi for the candidates admitted from the academic year 2016-17 wherever applicable **otherwise provided in syllabi itself.**

Maximum 100Marks	
CIA -I (Online Examination (45 Minutes) – First 2 ½ units (Match the following, True/False, Choose, Fill in the blanks) Model Examination (2 ½ hours) – All 5 units	Section A 5 x 4 = 20 (either or type) Section B 5 x 6 = 30 (either or type) Total = 50 Marks
CE (2 ½ hours)	Section A 5 x 4 = 20 (either or type) Section B 5 x 6 = 30 (either or type) Total = 50 Marks

Maximum 50 Marks	
CIA -I	
	(Online Examination (45 Minutes))
	– First 2 ½ units
	(Match the following, True/False, Choose, Fill in the blanks)
Model Examination	(2 ½ hours) – All 5 units
	Section A 5 x 2 = 10 (either or type)
	Section B 3 x 5 = 15 (Any 3 out 5)
	Total = 25 Marks
CE	(2 ½ hours)
	Section A 5 x 2 = 10 (either or type)
	Section B 3 x 5 = 15 (Any 3 out 5)
	Total = 25 Marks

26. Revision of Regulations and Curriculum

The above Regulation and Scheme of Examinations will be in vogue without any change for a minimum period of three years from the date of approval of the Regulations. The University may revise /amend/ change the Regulations and Scheme of Examinations, if found necessary.

27. Transitory Provision

Candidates who have undergone the Course of Study prior to the Academic Year 2010-2011 will be permitted to take the Examinations under those Regulations for a period of four years i.e. up to and inclusive of the Examination of April 2014 thereafter they will be permitted to take the Examination only under the Regulations in force at that time.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION (CBCS PATTERN)

For the students admitted during the academic year 2014-2015 Batch onwards

Study Components	Course Title	Ins. hrs/week /	Exam			Credit
			CIA @	Uni.exam	Total	
Semester I						
	Elective I					
Semester II						
	Elective II					
Semester III						
	Elective III					
Semester IV						
	Elective IV					
	Total				220 0	9 0

Electives : **List of Group Elective papers (Departments can choose any one of the Group papers as electives)**

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Paper I/Sem I			
Paper II/Sem II			
Paper III/Sem III			
Paper IV/Sem IV			

Summary of PG Programmes						
Subject	Papers	Credit	Total credits	Papers	marks	Total marks
Core (including Project work & Viva voce)			82			2000
Electives	2	4	8	2	100	200
OPEN Electives	1	3 ^{\$}				100 ^{\$}
Total			90			2200